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Moniam Tax

* 1435 *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have taken a decision not to abolish the Moniam Tax;

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(*c*) if not, the reasons for the long delay in implementing the Damodaran Aasan Committee Report?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

(*c*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to clause (*a*) of his question No. 664 answered on the floor of the Assembly on 8th March 1961. The question of abolition of Maniamkaram is still under the consideration of the Government.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : Sir, it is more than six years since we have come over here to the Madras State. The whole matter had been thoroughly discussed and an exhaustive report has also been submitted to the Government and in fact, a Bill has also been drafted in the other State. Under these circumstances, may I know the reason for such a long delay in regard to this matter?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : The reason is this. The question itself is an intricate and ticklish one. Added to it, other difficulties have also come in the way. For instance, the Travancore High Court had delivered a judgment over the question of Tirupuvaram. We are looking into it and we have referred the matter to the Advocate-General. There are these difficulties. After due consideration of the various aspects, proper steps will be taken.

Director of Public Health (Re-employment)

* 1436 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the term of re-employment of the Director of Public Health has been extended further by one year; and

(*b*) if so, the reason therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) No decision has yet been taken.

(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Is it a fact that the present Director of Public Health has been re-employed twice?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Yes, he has now been employed for the second time.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : When there are highly qualified Assistant Directors who are also seniormost, what was the necessity for re-employing a person twice?

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : In the interests and exigencies of service, in order to carry out the work that has been taken up and also in order to maintain continuity, it is necessary to re-employ him a second time. The hon. Member may probably be aware of the fact that we have got a very good certificate from the Union Government to the effect that in the Malaria Eradication Scheme, the work carried out by the Madras State was the best in the whole country.

Drinking Water-supply (Tiruvannamalai)

* 1437 *Q.*—**SRI S. M. ANNAMALAI (on behalf of SRI P. S. SANTHANAM AND SRI P. U. SHANMUGAM) :** கனம் ரெவின்யூ அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

சாத்தனூர் நீர்த் தேக்கத்தில் இருந்து திருவண்ணாமலைக்குத் தண்ணீர் கொண்டுவரும் திட்டம் எந்த நிலையில் உள்ளது ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : The proposal to tap water-supply from Sathanur Canal is being investigated, as one of the alternative sources for providing water-supply to Tiruvannamalai Municipality and the field work is nearing completion.

SRI S. M. ANNAMALAI : இதற்கு எவ்வளவு பணம் செலவாகும் என்று சொல்ல முடியுமா ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : இதற்கு 6 ஆயிரம் ரூபாய் செலவாகும் என்று மதிப்பிடப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. இன்வெஸ்டிகேஷன் முடிந்த பிறகுதான் எவ்வளவு செலவு என்பது தெரியும்.

Allegation of Misbehaviour

* 1438 *Q.*—**SRI M. P. SARATHI :** கனம் ரெவின்யூ அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) வடாற்காடு மாவட்ட கருவூலத்தில் நடந்த பணக் கையாடல் பற்றி விசாரணையின்போது கருவூல அதிகாரி, தலைமைக் கணக்கர் ஆகியோர் ஒரு பெண் கணக்கரிடம் இழிவாகப் பேசியதாகவோ நடந்ததாகவோ புகார் வந்ததா ?

(இ) அப்படியானால், என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப்பட்டது ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (அ) No, Sir.

(இ) Does not arise.

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* 1440 *Q.*—**SRI N. R. THIAGARAJAN :** கனம் ரெவின்யூ அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) 1958-59, 1959-60 ஆண்டுகளில் இறுதி வைத்திய கல்வி பரீக்ஷையில் தேறிய மாணவர்கள் எத்தனை பேர் ?

(இ) பரீக்ஷைக்குச் சென்றவர் எத்தனை பேர் ?